

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 054218
ORIGIN ACDA-12

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 IO-13 ISO-00 PM-05 DOE-11 SOE-02
DODE-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 INRE-00 USIE-00 AF-10
ARA-10 CIAE-00 EA-10 H-01 INR-10 L-03 NASA-01
NEA-10 NSAE-00 OIC-02 SP-02 PA-01 CEQ-01 OES-07
SS-15 /139 R

DRAFTED BY ACDA/MA/IR:CCFLOWERREE
APPROVED BY ACDA/MA:LFINCH
PM/DCA:CMARTHINSEN
EUR/RPM:LBRECKON
IO/UNP:RBARRY
NSC:LDENEND
ACDA/C:AYARMOLINSKY
ACDA/NP:RUIILLIAMSON (INFO)
DOE:JPHILLIPS
DOD/ISA:SFLOOD

-----096145 030106Z /75

O R 030010Z MAR 78
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE
INFO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK
USMISSION USNATO
AMEMBASSY OTTAWA
USMISSION GENEVA

S E C R E T STATE 054218

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PARM, UN, UK, US, CA

SUBJECT: CANADIAN CUT-OFF PROPOSAL

REF: LONDON 02787

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 054218

1. USG IS STILL IN EARLY STAGE OF PROCESS OF EXAMINING
RANGE OF POSSIBLE US INITIATIVES AT SSOD. WHILE NO
REASONABLE POSSIBILITIES ARE BEING EXCLUDED, WE HAVE
NOT YET DETERMINED WHICH POTENTIAL INITIATIVES MERIT
GOVERNMENT-WIDE REVIEW AS LIKELY PROSPECTS.

2. CANADIANS HAVE INFORMALLY DISCUSSED THEIR VIEWS WITH

US ON CUT-OFF AND SECURITY ASSURANCES. WHILE EXPRESSING UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR OBJECTIVES, WE HAVE BEEN NON-COMMITTAL ABOUT THE US POSITION IN VIEW OF THE STATE OF OUR PREPARATIONS. WITH REGARD TO CUT-OFF, AS HMG IS AWARE, THE USG MADE A PROPOSAL IN 1963 IN WHICH IT ASKED THE SOVIETS TO JOIN US IN CUTTING OFF THE PRODUCTION OF FISSIONABLE MATERIALS FOR WEAPONS PURPOSES UNDER ADEQUATELY VERIFIED CONDITIONS AND THE TRANSFER OF A QUANTITY OF FISSIONABLE MATERIAL TO PURPOSES OTHER THAN USE IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE US SUBMITTED A FORMAL PROPOSAL TO THE ENDC ON AUGUST 14, 1963. US SPOKESMEN SUBSEQUENTLY URGED ADOPTION OF THIS PROPOSAL ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, MOST

RECENTLY IN 1971 BY THE US PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN BUT THE SOVIETS HAVE CONTINUED TO REJECT IT. ALTHOUGH THE US MADE NO FURTHER EFFORTS TO PROMOTE THE CUT-OFF AND TRANSFER PROPOSAL, IT HAS NEVER BEEN OFFICIALLY WITHDRAWN.

THE UK MAY ASSUME THAT IN THE LIGHT OF CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES THE US WILL WISH TO REVIEW ITS POSITION ON CUT-OFF LOOKING AT SUCH FACTORS AS VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, WEAPONS REQUIREMENTS, AND THE RELATIONSHIP TO NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES, AND WILL CONVEY ITS VIEWS TO THE CANADIANS UPON COMPLETION OF THAT REVIEW.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 054218

3. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON THE ABOVE IN RESPONDING TO HMG DEMARCHE. YOU MAY ASSURE BRITISH THAT IN REVIEWING ITS POSITION ON ISSUES LIKELY TO ARISE AT THE SSOD, USG WILL GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO UK VIEWS ON THIS AND OTHER ISSUES AND WILL CONSULT CLOSELY ON ANY INITIATIVES WE MAY DECIDE TO PUT FORWARD. CHRISTOPHER

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRODUCTION, ARMS, PROPOSALS (BID)
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 03 mar 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE054218
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: CCFLOWERREE
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780096-0777
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t197803109/aaaadoju.tel
Line Count: 100
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 938a24b9-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN ACDA
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 LONDON 2787
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 21 jun 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3123929
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CANADIAN CUT-OFF PROPOSAL
TAGS: PARM, UK, US, CA, UN
To: LONDON
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/938a24b9-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014